

Subject: RE: YOKA Community School Park Now Open - Sat 10-2
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Sounds great Mike, I will plan on being there in the 24th.

Thanks,

Dikran

From: Wilshire Center [mailto:mike@wilshirecenter.com]
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:38 AM
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Good Moring D,

We finally got the Community School Park open at YOKA for the kids and families in the District this (and every) Saturday from 10-2. The principal said that he would love to see the cadets from Olympic at the park. Below is some detailed information about the program that the BID created in collaboration with community stakeholders. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The COMMUNITY School PARK (CSP) at the Young Oak Kim Academy (YOKA) is open THIS SATURDAY and EVERY SATURDAY from 10AM-2PM to the PUBLIC. Brought to you by the Wilshire Center Business Improvement District (WCBID).

The entrance is on 6th Street between Shatto Place and Vermont Avenue. Just knock on the double doors and someone will let you in. The park programming is still in development so please be patient with us until we ramp it up for the summer.

The WCBID and WCKNC have been working with the Young Oak Kim Academy and People For Parks on supporting the YOKA Community Schools Park (CSP).

The YOKA CSP features enrichment programming from LAUSD staff who focus on outdoor activities including organized games and craft projects and events that foster a strong sense of community. When a child, parent or community member arrives, they can join in on an ongoing basketball, soccer or street hockey game. They can start an arts and crafts project, run laps or simply engage in free play on the playground.

The effects on the neighborhood have been inspiring. Parents and school staff tell us that since the YOKA CSP has opened, they feel safer and more connected. They link drops in vandalism and other unwelcome behavior to the increased presence of parents at school and the sense of ownership that community members have taken over their CSP.

The WCBID will continue working with People for Parks to transform local schoolyards into Community School Parks (CSPs), which are safe play spaces open to the public on weekends.

The entrance to the YOKA CSP is directly across the street from the IHOP Restaurant sign on 6th Street.

Thank you,
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